PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR'S

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR

For the year ending 31st December, 1973

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kirkbymoorside Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. I submit to you the Annual Report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspector & Surveyor's Department of your Council for the year ending 31st December, 1973.

The period under review represents the last full calendar year of this Council's existence. Having taken up employment with this authority in June, 1954 it presents an opportunity to make comparisons with conditions then prevailing.

In other respects the report contains factual information normally submitted.

2. HOUSING

(i)	The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	8
(ii)	The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action	7
(iii)	The number of representations made to the local authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders	1
(iv)	The number of notices served requiring the execution of works	-
(v)	The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	-
(vi)	The number of demolition or closing orders made	-
(vii)	The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-section (4) of section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	1
(viii)	The number of houses demolished	-

3. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS & QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Number of applications for grant aid received during the last 10 years are:-

Year	Standard Grants	Discretionary Grants
1964	23	7
1965	16	7
1966	15	9
1967	14	11
1968	15	10
1969	10	10
1970	14	20
1971	8	15
1972	25	36
1973	5	37

The last two figures for Discretionary Grants and the 1972 figure for Standard Grants reflect the added impetus caused by the 75% contribution. Although the 1973 figure for standard grants is the lowest for the last ten years it should not cause alarm. There are obviously fewer houses without bathrooms so consequently applications must eventually dry up. In addition there has been more interest in the thorough renovation of property.

(a) Standard Grants

The total number of applications for Standard Grants received to the end of 1972 was 236 made up as follows:-

	Total Rec'd	Approved	Cancelled or Refused	Pending	Bath	W.H. Basin	H.W. Supply	Sink or Food Store	W.C.
Applications in Hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Applications rec'd 1 Jan. to 31 Dec.73	5	4	1	-	1	3	3	-	4
Total at 1 Jan.1973	231	219	10	-	158	162	147	89	196
Total at 31.Dec. 1973	236	223	11	-	159	165	150	89	200

	Schemes Completed	Total of Grants Paid	Baths	W.H. Basins	H.W. Supplies	W.C.'s	Sinks or Food Stores
Up to 31 Dec.1972	185	21,840.85	137	138	126	163	72
Year 1973	12	3,572.75	8	8	8	10	7
Total to 31 Dec.1973	197	25,413.60	145	146	134	173	79

The maxima for standard grant work are:-

		75%	50%
(a)	Fixed bath or shower in a bathroom ...	£ 45.00	£ 30.00
(b)	Wash basin	£ 15.00	£ 10.00
(c)	Sink	£ 22.50	£ 15.00
(d)	Hot and cold water supply at:-		
	(i) Fixed bath or shower	£ 67.50	£ 45.00
	(ii) Wash hand basin	£ 30.00	£ 20.00
	(iii) Sink	£ 45.00	£ 30.00
(e)	Water closet	£ 75.00	£ 50.00
		£300.00	£200.00

Where necessary to build a new bathroom, construct a septic tank or connect mains water for the first time the standard grant limit may be raised to £675.00 (75%) or £450.00 (50%). The 75% contribution may only be paid on schemes completed before 23rd June 1974.

(b) Discretionary Grants

Of the 37 applications received 32 were approved, 1 refused and 4 pending.

Since grants were introduced 226 houses have been improved at a cost of £115,622. The average for the 26 houses completed during this year was £1,287.00. Although much of the average increase is due to building costs the higher standard of improvement is also reflected.

The first application for an Improvement Grant was received in May 1954 and there have been 299 in total.

(c) Qualification Certificates

3 applications were received and all are awaiting completion of repair work. These Certificates were not available in 1954 and no comparison can be made.

4. UNFIT HOUSES

No houses were demolished but one was closed, 10 brought up to standard and three dealt with by adding to adjoining property.

5. PRIVATE HOUSING

18 houses or bungalows were constructed privately.

6. COUNCIL HOUSES

(a) No new Council Houses were constructed.

(b) Improvements to the last house on the Adela Shaw Site were completed.

(c) Nunnington Almshouses

Improvements are in progress to the two cottages on this site and one cottage is almost complete.

(d) 29 houses were painted externally during the year.

(e) Council Owned Dwellings

Site	Completed	Constructing	Existing	Total
Kirkbymoorside				
Ryedale View			22	22
Ryedale Crescent			23	23
Swedish			4	4
Queen's Way			41	41
Manor Close			31	31
Oxcroft			52	52
Hospital Site			4	4
Nawton				
Station Road			27	27
Station Cottages			2	2
Wombleton				
East Terrace			8	8
Shaw's Close			8	8
Gillamoor			5	5
Hutton-le-Hole			4	4
Appleton-le-Moors			4	4
Spaunton			2	2
Edstone Great			4	4
Nunnington			4	4
Nunnington (cottages)			2	2
			247	247

The total number of houses owned by the Council at the end of 1953 was 70.

(f) Repairs

Plumbing and electrical work are carried out by private contractors but building, joinery and painting needs are provided by the direct labour force. In 1953 all repairs, painting and improvements were carried out by contractors.

7. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

(a) Milk Supplies

To avoid duplication of work, the County Public Health Inspector carries out milk sampling.

(b) The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations 1963

There are no liquid egg pasteurisation plants in this district.

(c) Food Hygiene General Regulations 1960

No serious problems have arisen.

(d) Food Preparation Premises

There are two producers of meat products and two premises where the trade of fish frying is carried out.

	No. of Premises	No. complied with Regulation 16	No. where Regulation 19 Applies	No. complied with Regulation 19
Cafes	4	4	4	4
Public Houses	18	18	18	18
Retail Shops	26	26	26	26
Manufacturers	6	6	6	6
Canteens	6	6	6	6
Warehouses	-	-	-	-

(e) Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were reported.

(f) Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles

It has not been possible to give this subject much attention during the year other than general observations.

(g) Shell Fish Regulations

The District is one in which these Regulations are of little concern.

(h) Bakehouses

Two bakehouses produce bread and cakes in Kirkbymoorside for local sale.

(i) Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing establishments within this District.

(j) Meat Inspection

Hours of slaughter are controlled at both slaughterhouses in this district permitting work from 8.0. a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon on Saturdays. It is still necessary for meat to be inspected at Nunnington Slaughterhouse after 12.0 noon each Saturday.

Apart from casualty animals all meat produced continues to be of good quality.

264 visits of inspection were made and 1901 carcases examined.

	Carcases Inspected and Condemned			
	Cattle excluding Calves	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (as far as can be ascertained)	527	7	902	465
Number inspected	527	7	902	465
All diseases except tuberculosis				
(a) Whole carcases condemned	-	-	6	1
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	6	3
(c) Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	0.76%	0%	1.33%	0.86%
Tuberculosis				
(a) Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
(c) Percentage of the No. inspected affected with T.B.	-	-	-	-

In 1954 the slaughter of animals had been freed from central control and six small slaughterhouses were brought into use.

This has now been reduced to two by stricter standards being imposed calling for improvements to slaughtering premises.

Virtually all the other legislation has been introduced or revised during the last 20 years.

8. FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1959

(a)

	Number on Register	Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	34	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	9	-	-
	31	43	-	-

(b) Outworkers

No outwork is undertaken in the District.

(c) Offensive Trades

There are no designated offensive trades in this Council's area.

9. WATER SUPPLIES

The Ryedale Joint Water Board are responsible for the supply of water throughout the district. In the more northernly area it is considered uneconomical to provide mains supplies to outlying farms and these have private individual springs.

	Houses Connected	Houses with Stand Pipes	Houses without main supply	Est. Pop. with mains supply	Est. Pop. without mains supply
Appleton-le-Moors	76	-	-	204	-
Bransdale	-	-	24	-	67
Edstone Great	35	-	-	97	-
Edstone Little	2	-	-	5	-
Fadmoor	37	-	-	103	-
Farndale East	16	-	33	44	86
Farndale West	19	-	26	55	68
Gillamoor	51	-	-	145	-
Hutton-le-Hole	75	-	12	198	36
Kirkbymoorside	803	3	2	1,847	3
Lastingham	54	-	-	145	-
Muscoates	7	-	-	22	-
Nawton	144	-	-	378	-
Ness	14	-	-	39	-
Northolme	4	-	-	11	-
Nunnington	81	-	-	224	-
Salton	26	-	1	72	2
Skiplam	12	-	-	33	-
Spaunton	20	-	-	53	-
Welburn	24	-	5	67	14
Wombleton	112	1	-	293	-
	1,612	4	103	4,035	276

When it is recalled that the Council had four manual workers in 1954 and these carried out the refuse collection, sewage disposal and water supply duties one can readily imagine the hand to mouth existence which prevailed. The equivalent of $2\frac{3}{5}$ men were employed on refuse collection leaving $1\frac{2}{5}$ for the other two services and numerous additional activities undertaken.

There were virtually no waste detection meters and most of the meters on business supplies were installed in later years. Maintenance of mains supplies was rather difficult without vehicles, equipment and sufficient manpower, Water has now assumed the importance it deserves but a glance to the table above will show that the bulk of houses without mains supply are in the very area where it is considered there is so much water that it may be harnessed for Sheffield and Hull. Further effort is needed to ensure everyone has a clean and wholesome water supply in outlying areas.

10. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following villages are provided with suitable sewers discharging to treatment works:-

Appleton-le-Moors
Great Edstone
Hutton-le-Hole
Kirby Mills
Kirkbymoorside
Lastingham
Nawton
Nunnington
Spaunton
Wombleton.

Construction Work is in progress at Fadmoor and Gillamoor where new sewers and a sewage disposal works are to be provided.

Villages without adequate sewers and treatment plants: Keldholme, Salton and Welburn.

Until 1961 Kirkbymoorside "existed" with a small settling tank, open ditches and dosing chamber followed by a filter both of which could not deal with the raw sewage and blocked within minutes of cleansing. There was no difficulty in locating the outlet from the works into the river.

In the villages drainage inevitably discharged into gutters or inefficient soakaways. The last thirteen years have seen the provision of efficient systems of sewage disposal in Kirkbymoorside and nine villages.

11. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) Refuse Collection

An improved service was introduced during the year to give a weekly collection in all the area except Bransdale, Farndale and Sleightholmedale where the service is fortnightly. This became possible by adopting a work study report which provided for three men to work with the Dennis Paxit III C five days per week and two men with the S & D vehicle one day per week.

(b) Refuse Disposal

Household refuse is now processed at the Malton Pulveriser prior to disposal in the nearby tip.

Cotterhill Quarry near Wombleton has been retained for Civic Amenity Act purposes and emergency use.

The partially controlled tipping of crude refuse previously employed was discontinued in 1972 and there is no need to remind Members of the difficulties encountered with this method of disposal.

(c) Public Conveniences

The Council are responsible for cleansing all public conveniences and maintaining the Kirkbymoorside Conveniences. Those at Hutton-le-Hole and Low Mills, Farndale were provided by the North Riding County Council and are maintained by them. Cleansing is carried out by part-time female labour and the cost is offset by the receipts.

Receipts for the year were:-

Kirkbymoorside	£41.65
Low Mills, Farndale	£44.00
Hutton-le-Hole	£73.74

Prior to the conveniences being erected at Low Mills, Farndale, it was necessary to erect temporary structures at Low Mills and Church Houses. Incorporating pail closets these structures consisted of hessian sacking secured to timber framing. Without having a suitable vehicle or container to empty contents of the closets and always anticipating correctly that each succeeding year's complaints would be a record it is not surprising that the Spring daffodil season created apprehension.

The public conveniences provided by the County Council at Low Mills and Hutton-le-Hole have proved the case put forward by this authority and their value to the Community cannot be over-emphasized. It is hoped that other sites in the National Park can be given similar treatment.

12. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Due to pressure of other work it has not been possible to inspect every property on the register. New legislation is anticipated and this will present an opportunity to re-visit and re-assess each property.

13. CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

The caravan Club again issued certificates permitting no more than five caravans at The Crown Inn, Hutton-le-Hole and also The Plough Inn, Fadmoor.

Two site licences are in force authorising single caravans on two sites at Wombleton Aerodrome.

Informal action dealt with any other caravans which were not covered by Schedule 1 exemptions.

14. CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Occasional action is necessary to secure the removal of vehicles which are not in a roadworthy condition but have not been abandoned. The problem is not serious.

15. CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

No formal action has been necessary.

16. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

No complaints of noise were received.

17. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

There are no public swimming pools or baths in the district.

18. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

One Rodent Control Operative is employed by the Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside Joint Committee. Sewers are test baited annually and poison treatment undertaken according to the results obtained.

A free service is provided for dwellinghouses but business premises are charged according to the time and material expended.

19. BUILDING REGULATIONS

This has been another very active year inthe Building Industry but the last quarter saw a reduction in the number of plans submitted.

	Building Regulation only	Planning only	Building/ Planning combined
Appleton-le-Moors	2	4	3
Bransdale	1	1	-
Edstone Great and Little	1	-	3
Fadmoor	1	5	3
Farndale	4	-	-
Gillamoor	-	1	2
Hutton-le-Hole	-	3	5
Keldholme	-	5	4
Kirby Mills	1	-	2
Kirkbymoorside	13	26	28
Lastingham	2	9	4
Nawton	2	6	3
Ness	1	-	4
Nunnington	1	1	3
Salton	1	-	1
Skiplam	-	-	1
Welburn	1	-	-
Wombleton	-	8	3
	31	69	69

The total of applications received in 1953 was 21 whereas this years total is 169.

20. PETROLEUM ACTS

Twenty licences were issued for the storage of petroleum spirit or mixtures

21. APPRECIATION

This report shows briefly some of the main achievements of your Council during the period I can recall. Much of this has only been possible due to the assistance given most readily by past and present Members of the Council, Staff (whether they worked inside or outside the offices), Consultants, Staff of other authorities and Members of the Public.

To single out individuals would be most unwise for all have contributed according to their ability. Probably the most impressive aspect has been the way in which the public generally have been prepared to comply with any reasonable request for action.

It has been a pleasure to work for the District and in saying 'Thank you' to everyone who has helped I can only stress that it is said with the utmost sincerity.

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